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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL DISARMA-
MENT CONFERENCE: MITTERRAND WILL STAY HOME

REF: HELSINKI 1050

SOCIALIST PARTY STAFF MEMBER TOLD US APRIL 21 THAT
FRANCOIS MITTERRAND WOULD NOT ATTEND DISARMAMENT CONFER-
ENCE APRIL 24-26 IN HELSINKI. MITTERRAND HAS "OTHER EN-
GAGEMENTS" WHICH NOW PREVENT HIS PARTICIPATION, SUCH AS
A MEETING OF HIS REGIONAL COUNCIL OF WHICH HE IS PRESI-
DENT. PS WILL BE REPRESENTED BY NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ROBERT PONTILLON AND BY NATIONAL
DELEGATE FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY JEAN-PIERRE COT.

COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE NO SURE EXPLANATION FOR MITTER-
RAND'S CHANGE OF PLANS, THE RATIONALE OFFERED BY THE PS
SEEMS LESS THAN CONVINCING. A MORE LIKELY EXPLANATION
IS PROBABLY MITTERRAND'S DESIRE TO CONTROL THE PREPARA-
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TIONS FOR THE PARTY'S NATIONAL CONVENTION ON APRIL 29,
TO BE PRECEDED BY AN IMPORTANT DIRECTING COMMITTEE
MEETING ON APRIL 26. THE LATTER WILL ADDRESS NECESSARY
CHANGES IN PARTY LEADERSHIP AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE ELEC-
TIONS (PS REGULATIONS ALLOW NO MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OF
LEADERSHIP POSITIONS TO BE FILLED BY DEPUTIES AND SENA-
TORS), AND THE CONVENTION WILL SET THE POLITICAL DEBATE

IN MOTION FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONGRESS. MITTERRAND OBVIOUSLY
HAS A BIG STAKE IN BOTH OF THESE OPERATIONS AND THUS MAY
HAVE DECIDED TO PASS UP THE SOMEWHAT TECHNICALLY-ORIENTED
HELSINKI MEETING.
GAMMON

NOTE BY OC/T: TELEGRAM DELAYED IN TRANSMISSION.

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